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PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIALLY RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Planning Commission has formulated any scheme for development of industrially backward rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for rapid development of industrially backward rural areas of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): No sir, the Planning Commission does not formulate any scheme for the development of industrially backward rural areas of the country. It provides Plan funds to Ministries/Departments of Central Government and also to State Governments forimplementing Plan/State Plan schemes.

(b) & (c) The initiative for industrial development of backward rural areas lies with the State Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts through various schemes.

The various schemes under implementation by the Union Government for rapid development of industrially backward rural areas of the country are:
(i) Growth Centres Scheme,
(ii) Integrated Infrastructural Development Centres (IIDCs),
(iii) National Programme for Rural Industrialisation,
(iv) Subsidy Schemes such as: Transport Subsidy Scheme, CapitalInvestment Subsidy Scheme and the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, and
(v) Self- Employment Programmes like: Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC).